

## FIVE PRISONERS FOOL JAILERS AND ESCAPE

Raise Cry That a Man Is Killing Himself, and Keepers Believe Them.

### CELL DOORS ARE OPENED

While the Hunt for Suicide Is On They Walk Away—Still at Large.

Adopting a ruse to get two keepers to their tier of cells in the Essex county jail, in Newark, five prisoners made their escape early yesterday. All were at large up to a late hour. One of the fugitives was a trusty.

The quietest sneaked away during the excitement following the cry that one of the prisoners had attempted suicide, passed through an unused door on the Wilsey street side of the jail, and scaled the roof of the engine room.

The fugitives are: Louis Schmidt of Schenectady, N. Y., who was arrested on July 15, charged with horse stealing; William Albert of 23 West Grand street, Elizabeth, N. J., arrested for grand larceny; Stephen Reabe of 142 Broadway street, this city, arrested July 16, on a charge of highway robbery; Robert Defino, a fugitive from justice, who was arrested in New York on July 18 and brought back to the jail here, and Robert Meiler of 49 East Seventy-eighth street, New York city, arrested on July 12, charged with breaking and entering with intent to steal. The police think Meiler was the man who instigated the "suicide."

According to the jail officials, there were two keepers in the jail when four or five men on the top tier of the west wing set up a cry that a prisoner had attempted suicide. The guards rushed to the tier and threw the emergency lever, which automatically opened all the cell doors. Then started to search the cells.

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### TELL TAFT THEY'LL STRIKE

Telegraphers Warn Government of Alleged Western Union Abuses.

In accordance with resolutions adopted at a general convention of delegates of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union in Buffalo last June it was announced yesterday that Wesley Russell, national secretary of the union, had notified President Taft, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor and the Interstate Commerce Commission and members of Congress that a strike of Western Union employees would be called if the company did not discontinue the alleged dismissals of members of the union for belonging to the organization.

By the resolution President S. J. Konekamp of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union received power to call a strike without awaiting a referendum vote.

President Konekamp, who is in New York, said last evening:

"The discharging of union men has been going on for several years and we have put up with it until we have about reached the breaking point and strikes will be called if we do not soon get relief."

The operators hope the Government officials will bring pressure to bear on the Western Union.

### ASKED A BED, WAS ARRESTED.

Station House Visitor Suspected of Being a Flat Burglar.

Early yesterday a young man with good clothes and a doctored air walked into Lieut. Farrell at the West 125th street police station.

"This life in New York is not what it's cracked up to be," he said. "My clothes may look all right, but I'm down and out. I ask a bed in a hotel."

"You can look up that man on my say so," put in Lieut. Brown, who has charge of the detectives in that precinct, who recalled that a man who looked like the visitor was wanted in that precinct for flat robberies.

So the young man, who said he was John Watson, 22 years old, temporarily out of a home, was sent to a cell while the officers went over the complaint records. There they found that the flat robber was John Watson, 22 years old, temporarily out of a home, was sent to a cell while the officers went over the complaint records. There they found that the flat robber was John Watson, 22 years old, temporarily out of a home, was sent to a cell while the officers went over the complaint records.

### SUE ON BOTTLE REFILLING.

Foreign Liquor Manufacturers Ask \$120,000 Damages in 12 Cases.

As the result of an investigation by detectives of the practice by liquor dealers of refilling bottles that contained imported liquors twelve suits for \$100,000 each were filed in the Supreme Court yesterday in behalf of foreign manufacturers.

Four of the suits are against Walter Robertson of 22 Broadway, two against J. P. Suerke & Co. of 41 Lafayette street, three against J. J. Suerke & Co. of 41 Lafayette street, and one against Alfred Nickel of 238 Broadway.

## BURNS EVEN RELATIVES' HOMES.

Pyromaniac Who Confesses to Many Fires Kept Family in Dread.

WATERBURY, Conn., Aug. 10.—The confession of Bernard C. Murray to a chief of Police Thomas Manning of Greenfield that he set off the recent fire in Massachusetts and Connecticut, the damage aggregating more than \$1,000,000, discloses the remarkable career of a confessed pyromaniac. In North Adams one Murray, who is only 22 years old, owned property valued at \$500,000.

The work of Murray here cost Waterbury its City Hall and ended before evening in twenty-five to his credit and the edict of the Governor placing the city under martial law.

Murray apparently is a weak minded individual who worked as a hotel porter and roustabout in order that he might have an opportunity to burn property. He would have been at liberty yet but for a penchant for stealing.

His father was at one time a fire commissioner in Hartford and for twenty years the lad has kept his family in constant dread of his capers. He has stolen articles of no value a dozen times, looted houses of relatives to which he had access, burned houses in his home neighborhood and burned his father's barn.

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Staged by Julius Steier  
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